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THE Queenes Maiestye callynge to her good remembraunce howe wel this realm is furnished wt good lawes & orders for redresse of manie enormities, & how throughe negligence of offycers, and presumptyon of offēdours, the same neuertheles do rather grow then abate: hathe thought mete at thys present to deuyse wyth her counsel, howe some few necessarye lawes verye beneficial for thys tyme, myghte bee duelye executed and obserued, as they were meante, to the weale of the Realme, and comforte of her Maiestye. For whiche purpose her Maiesty geueth all maner her subiectes to vnderstande, that lyke as the last yeare a certayne abbreuiate of Statutes was made and publyshed by order of her Counsaile vpon her commaundemente, and was by the Justices of peace in dyuers countreys dilygentelye regarded, and in a greate parte putte towardes execution, thoughe in some other partes, for lacke of tyme the same toke not so good effecte: So her Maiesty chargeth all maner her Justyces and other mynysters to whome the same shall belonge, to take in hande againe theyr former charge geuen to theym the laste

yere, for the execution of the said Statutes, hasteninge theyr assembles for that purpose now in the begynning of this Sommer, so as their doynges may be certified in suche sorte, as thei were comaunded and prescribed the last yere.

And besydes these, her Maiestie syndeth lyke cause to haue to other greate enormityes daylye encreasynge in thys her Realme, to bee spedely reformed, for which there do remaine in force good lawes. The one is, the monstruous abuse of Apparell almost in all estates, but pryncipallye in the meaner sorte. The other is, the decaye and disfurniture of all kinde of horses for seruyce within the Realm. And because her Maiestye perceaueth that although the lawes bee verye penall in bothe these cases, yet wythout some speeyall direction geuen for the execution thereof, the reformation wyl not ensue: Her Maiestie hathe caused the Statutes remayninge in force for bothe the sayd purposes to be briefely collected, & presentlye by thys her Proclamation, chargeth al maner her Shyrffes to publysshe the same ioyntlie wyth this Proclamation, and to fyx the same vp in places accustomed.

Apparell. And for the maner of the spedy execution of the Statutes for Apparell and other enormities incidente therto: Her Maiestye hath caused certayne good ordinaunces to bee deuysed & accoyded by her counsel, which also her Maiesties pleasure is, to be wel regarded, straightly kepte, and obserued according to the seueral limitations thereof: wherefore there is good

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hope conceaued by her Maieſtie of a ſpedy re-
dreſſe, by meanes of the ſayd good orders. And
yf in any poynte of the ſame ſtatutes or orders,
any dout ſhall aryſe for the vnderſtandynge of
the ſame: Her Maieſtie willeth that the aduiſe
and anſwere of her priuye councell be requi-
red and folowed. And for the other default ten
dyng to the decay of horſes within the Realm;
whych partly ryſeth by ſtealinge and carrying
numbers of Horſes, Geldynges, Mares, and
Coltes oute of the Realme, and by neglectyng
the bredinge and kepyng of Horſes wythin the
Realme, accordyng to the lawes prouided:

For redreſſe of the former parte concerning carryng out of Horſes out of the Realme: Her Maieſtie chargeth al maner her ſubiectes and others wythin her Realme, to take knowlege of the lawes nowe publyſhed for that purpoſe, and not to truſte in anie remiſſion of penalties therfore prouided. For the ſpedier obſeruacion wherof, her Maiesty meaneth ſhortly to direct her ſeueral Commiſſions vnder the great ſeal to ſuche partes of her Realme where the conueyaunce hath accuſtomablye ben, or hereafter may be, to enquire therof diligently & ſtreightly by order of lawe. and therevpon to proceade ſharply to therecutiō, as the cales ſhal require. Carrying of Horſes oute of the Realme.

And as to the latter parte tendyng to the decay of breeding and keping of Horſes: Her Maieſtye doth lykewyſe charge all maner her ſubiectes to take knowledge of the lawes remaynynge in force, and nowe publyſhed at this preſente tyme. And for that is thoughte by her Maieſtie, Breding and keping of Horſes.

Maiestie, that the same lawes hath ben by diuers personnes so longe forgotten, that it will seme harde to haue the same spedely put in execution: her Maiestye of her gracious disposition, meaneth to proceade to the execution therof in this maner folowynge.

Her Maiestie intendeth to directe her seueral Commissions to speciall persons in euerye countye of the Realme, to enquire by order of law, what persons shal not haue before the .xb of August next, Horses accordyng to the Statute by reason of theyr wyues apparell mentioned in the Statute, and what other persons chargeable to breedyng or kepyng of Horses bi force of the Statutes, shall not beefore the .xb. of December next, performe the meanyng and intente of the saide Statutes, alwell for breeding as keping. And for the more certayne execution hereof: her Maiestye alsoo meaneth to cause a speciall vieu to bee taken throughe the Realme in September next, of the numbre inquirable by the foresayde .xb. daye of Auguste, as is aboue expressed: and a lyke muster and vieu to be taken in Januarye' nexte at one instaunte tyme, both of the same number, and of all the rest whereof inquisition shalbe made by the sayde Commission, to bee prouyded before the sayde .xb. daye of December. After whyche viewes and musters taken: her Maiesty intēdeth at euery halleyere to haue the same seuerely executed by officers speciallye appoynted, vntyll the Realme bee replenyshed wyth suche number of Horses, as maye bee well kepte and

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mayntayned for the seruice of the same.

Of all these her Maiesties determynations, tending only to the weale, goodorder, and strength of her Realme: her Maiestie hath thoughte mete in thys playne maner to geue notyce therof by thys Proclamation to all maner her subiectes, to auoyd the paines that otherwyse therof must and shall ensue.

Geuen at her Maiesties Pallaice of Westminster the vii. of Maye, the fourth yeare of her byghnes raygne.

Articles for the due execution of the Statutes of Apparell, and for the reformation of the outragious excesse therof growen of late time within the Realme. Deuised vpon the Quenes Maiesties cõmaundement, by aduise of her counsayle, the .vi. of May. *Anno.* 1562.

24. H. 8 1. & 2. Phi. & Marie.

FIrst the Quenes highnes pleasure is, that the lawes heretofore made touchynge the reformation of the excesse of apparel and namely the lawes made in Anno. xxiiii. Henrici. viii. and in Anno. i. & ii. Philippi & Marie, be obserued, and withall diligence put in execution.

And forasmuch as no sorte of people haue so much exceaded, or do dayly more exceade in the excesse of apparell, contrarye to the sayd statutes, then suche as be of the meaner sorte, and be least hable with theyr lyuynges to mayntayne the same: Her Maiesties pleasure and strayght commaundement is, that all Justices and officers to whom the reformation thereof maye appertayne, haue speciall regarde to the obseruation and execution, with all seuerytye of the lawe made Anno. i. & ii. Philip. & Mar. purposely for that respect.

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The order in ỹ courte.

For the better order in the due executyon of whych Statutes, for her hyghnes Chaumber:

ber: it is ordeyned the Lorde Chamberlayne and the Vicechaumberlayne. And for her Maiesties houshoulde, the Lorde Stewarde, the Treasurer or the Comptroller, to appoint such trusty offycers as they shall thynke fyt to haue in those two places speciall regarde to all such as shall after.xiiii. dayes nexte folowynge the publication of thys ordinaunce, presume to enter into the Court otherwyse apparayled then is permitted by the said Statute, and strayght to apprehende and to commit them to warde, there to remayne tyll they shalbe duely punyshed for theyr offences, and vntyl such tyme as they shal haue throughlye payde and satisfyed the penaltie of the sayd Statute: Examinyng them fyrst how long and howe often they haue sithen the time aboue wrytten after the publication of this ordinaunce, worne the sayde apparell, who is theyr maister, and howe long they haue serued hym, and howe longe it hath bene that he hath knowen them to weare any part of the same Apparell. Upon which examination, the master straight to be sent for, to appeare yf the offence be founde in the Chamber, before the Lorde Chamberlaine, or Vicechaumberlayne: and before the Lorde Steward, Treasurer, or Comptroller, yf it be found in the houshold. And in case it shall appeare by anye due meane that the sayde maister had knowledge of the sayd seruauntes abuse, so long tyme as in the sayd Statute is prescribed: then to take of hym a bande of two hundrede markes, to the Quenes hyghnesse vse, to aunswere the forfay

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ture fallen vppon hym by the sayde Statute: whych bande yf he shall refuse, then to commit hym to ward, ther to remayne tyl he shal haue satisfied the penaltie. The sayde examination, and obligatiō to be sent to one of the Quenes highnesse Remembraunces in the Exchequer, to be by them called vpon, accordynge to the effecte of the sayd Statute: the parties appoin
Forfeiture. ted to this execution to haue for theyr paynes the moitie of the forfaiture appointed by the lawe. Prouyded that in case it shalbe thoughte fitte to be dispensed withal within the court for anye person vpon reasonable cause, the Lorde Chaunberlayne or the Lord Steward know yng fyrst her hyghnesse pleasure, shall and may licence them by wrytyng subscrybed with one of theyr handes, testifying her Maiesties sayd
Dispensa- cion. pleasure: forseyng that none of them do there- by vse any apparel inhibited vnto them, but du ring such time as they shall attende vppon her highnesse person.

And within the Citie of London and the
In Londō. Liberties of the same, the Maior and Court of Aldermen shal take and obserue the like order: That is to say, to appoint in euery warde foure substanciall and well meaninge men, to see the sayd Statute executed, in such sort as it is ordeyned in the Courte: any the said foure or any of them to examine all offendours in the sort a- boue written: and apprehending them, to bring them to the Alderman of the warde, he to com- mit them to prison, and to certify the examina- tion and confession, and suche knowledge of

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iudgement of the truth of the matter as he can attayne vnto, aswell touchynge the maister as the man, to the Maioz, and courte of Aldermen: and they to certifie the same indelaydlye into the Exchequer, to thintent the forfaytures may be aunswered. The sayde foure folowyng the execution of ỳ Statute, to haue the moitie of the forfayture. Forfeiture.

The lyke ozder to be taken and folowed within the foure Innes of Court, and in all the houses of Chauncerye, by the pzincipalles and auncientes of the houses, where are noted to be so great dysozders at thys pzesent, as behoueth to be loked vpon. Innes of Courte.

The same ozder to be folowed in lyke sozte in the Suburbes out of the liberties of London, and in Westminster, and in all other exempted places, by thofficers of those places. Suburbes and places exempted.

And fynally lyke ozder to be obserued in all Cities, Townes, and villages thzoughout the realme. In al Cities and Townes cozpozate, the ozder to be executed by the Maioz, Bayliefes, and other head officers. And in all Townes and villages, the Justices of peace in euery seuerall Shire, to folowe the like ozder foz the appzehencion, examinacion, takyng of bandes, committinge to pzison, and certificate into the Exchequer, accozdynge as is abouesayde. The moitie of the penaltie to fall to the officer and officers, appointed to the execution of the lawe. Cytyes and townes.

The countie Palentine of Lancaster and Chester, to make certificate into the Exchequer there, and the Exchequer there to the Chaun- Countys palentyne.

celoure of the duchy, and he to certifie the same into the Exchequer here, to thintente aboue sayde.

Certificat. The doynges herein of all officers aswell in the court as in London, in Cities and townes corporate, and of the Justices of al other places throughe the Realme, to bee certified durynge the fyrste two monethes after the publication of this ordynaunce to bee made, to the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or to the Lorde keper of the great Seale euery. xv. dayes, and after the sayde two monethes expyred the same to be made euery. vi. wekes, durynge the space of one whole yere, and so to continue as by the said Lord Chauncellour, or Lord keper shalbe Just. of Assi. prescribed. And finallye, that all Justices of Assise in all theyr circuities do enquire specialye hereof.

It is not meante by anye thynge aboue wrytten, to take the libertye from any man, to make information agaynste anye offendoure in the premisses, and to enioye, yf the partye be conuicted, suche parte of the penaltye as by the sayde lawe is appoynted, foreseynge that no man be twyse conuycted for one offence.

And to thintente suche as shalbee appoynted in the Courte to theexecution of the premisses, maye worke the more certaynelye: It is ordayned they shall haue deliuered vnto them a byefe of the sayd Statutes, the lyke also to be deliuered and sente prynted by them selues, to all parties and partyes, where the perticuler knowe-

knoweledge thereof maye be thoughte fyt, for the better execution of the same.

And for the reformation of the vse of the monstruous and outragious greatnesse of hosen, crepte a late into the Realme to the greate slaunder thereof. and the vndoynge of a number vsynge the same, beynge driuen for the mayntainaunce thereof, to seke suche vnlawefull wayes, as by theyr owne confession haue broughte theim to destruction: It is ordayned as aboue sayde, that no Taylour, Hoser, or other persone whatsoeuer he shal bee, after the daye of the Publication hereof, shall put anye more clothe in anye one payre of hosen for the outeside, then one yarde and a halfe, or at the moste, one yarde and three quarters of a yarde of karsey, or of anie other cloth, leather, or anye other kinde of stuffe aboue that quantity. And in the same hosen to be put onelye one kynde of lyninge, besides lynnen cloth next to the legge yf anye shalbe so disposed, the sayde lyning not to lye loose nor to bee bolstered, but to lye iuste vnto theyr legges, as in auncyente tyme was accustomed: Sarcenet, Moccado, or ani other lyke thyng vsed to be worne, and to be plucked oute for the furniture of the hosen, not to be taken in the name of the sayde lyninge. Neyther any man vnder the degree of a Baro to weare wythin his hosen any Veluet. Sattin, or anye other stuffe aboue the estimation of Sarcenet or Taffata.

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For the due and better execution and ob-

seruation, whereof, the Maioz of London, and
Hoziers to be bounde. the rulers and offycers of the Suburbes, and
of Westminster, and other exempted places,
shall immedyatelye after thys Proclamatyon
made, call befoze them in euerye of theyz seue-
rall iurisdictions, all Hoziers, oz Taylloures
makynge hosen, dwellyng wythin the precinc-
tes of the same, and shall bynde euery of theym
in the summe of .xl. poundes, oz moze as cause
shall require, to the Queenes hyghnes vse, to
obserue this parte of this layde Proclamation
touchyng hosen, wythoute anye maner fraude
oz guyle: whych bandes as any shalbe found to
offende contrarye to this ozdinaunce, they shal
certifie into the Exchequer wyth the name of
euerye such offendoure. In all other Cityes oz
townes corporate, the Maioz & heade officers
shall do in all poyntes the lyke: And in al other
places the Justices of peace. The officers of
the Exchequer to certifye the lozdes of the
Quenes highnesse pzyuye counsel at the begin
ning of euery terme, what bandes haue come,
Certificat. oz haue bene sent into that offyce, touching the
premisses tyll that daye, and what number of
them haue bene executed.

If anye Hosier shall refuse to enter into
suche bande, to bee immediatlye commytted to
warde, and to bee suffred no moze to contynue
his occupation.

The Mayoz of London, and all other of-
Search. ficers in theyz iurisdictions and libertyes, to
make oz cause to be made searche once wythin
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euerye.viii. dayes in euerye Hoziers house, to see what kinde of hosen they shall make, and fyndinge anye such as be inhibited by these ozders, to see the punishment thereof as is aboue wzytten.

Fynally, no men vndyspensed with, in suche sozte as is abouesayde, be so hardye after. xiiii. dayes folowynge the publication of this ozdinaunce, to pzesume to shewe hym selfe in the Courte, oz in anye other place wythin this Realme, in any payze of hosen passinge the syse abouesayde: that is to saye, contaynynge in the nether stockes and vpper stockes, moze thē one yarde and a halfe, oz aboue one yarde and thze quarters at the most, of the vzodest karsei, oz with anye other stuffe beyonde that pzopoz-tion, oz wyth mo lyninges then one, and that playne and iuste to the legges as is abouesaid, neyther wyth anye Shurtes hauynge double Ruffes, eyther at the coller oz sleues, whyche Ruffes shall not be wozne otherwyse then sin-gle, and the singlenesse to be vsed in a due and meane sozte, as was ozderly and comelye vsed befoze the comming in of the outragious dou-ble Ruffes, whyche nowe of late are crepte in. Ruffes of Shurts.

Oz beynge vnder the degree of a Knight, wyth anye gylted spurres, oz any damaskyng oz gilte swozde, rapper, oz dagger, vppon payne of foz-fayture of the same, and of impzysonment and fyne at the Quenes hyghnesse pleasure foz euery such offence, to be executed within the court by suche as shalbee appoynted, in sozte as is a-

Gylte Spurres. Gylte. Swordes.

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bouesayde, by the Lord Chaumberlayne, Vice chaumberlaine, the Lord Steward, the Treasourer and Comptroller. And in London and within the liberties thereof, to be executed by the Sergeauntes and such others as shalbe appoynted in fourme aforesaid by the Maior and Aldermen. In the suburbes, Westminster, and other priuileged places, by the offycers, rulers, and gouernours of theym. In all other places by the head officers and Justices of peace

Execution.

In the two vniuersities, the Chauncelloure, or in his absence the Vicechauncelloure or Cõmissary, to see to the execution of the sayde statutes, and of all other orders: and none other Justice or offycer there to medle, but as shalbe by them or one of them appoynted. In whych places is thought meete to haue an vniformytie of Apparell, accordyng to euery seuerall vocation. The heddes of Colleges and Hawles of the sayd vniuersities, to be warned by them to see the Scollers vnder theyr gouernemente to obserue throughly the saide statutes and orders, and to abate theyr ruffes & other vnsemelye excesses, and to haue in theyr Apparell regarde to thobseruation of their Statutes, and to the decencie of vsyng of themselues therein, as heretofore hath bene vsed: wherin yf eyther the maister shalbe founde to forget his duetye, or the Scoller to lacke obedience, the Quenes highnesse shalbe forced to appoynte others to see vnto the due punyshment of both sortes.

Vniuersities.

Ladyes

Ladyes and gentlewomen attending vpon the Queene, or resortinge to the Courte, and theyr gentylwomen, to bee apparelled accordinge to the auncient order of the Court: wherof the orders in tymes past to be put in vre, by the gentilmen vshers, at the appoyntement of the Lorde Chaumberlayne, to thintente there maie be a differēce of estates knowen by theyr apparell, after the commendable custome in tymes past vsed in the Courte. Which order is to be soughte, renewed, and out of hande to be put in vre by the sayde Lorde Chaumberlaine or other wyse to be deuysed for a certayntye of al degrees. Ladies and Gentilwomen.

And were as an vsage is crepte in, contrary to former orders, of wearing of long Swordes, and Rapiers, sharpened in suche sorte, as maye appeare the vsage of them can not tende to defence, whyche oughte to be the very meaninge of wearinge of weapons, in tymes of peace, but to murther, and euident death, whē the same shalbe occupied: Her Maiestyes pleasure is, that no man shalbe after .x. dayes nexte followynge thys Proclamation, weare anye Sword, Rapier, or any weapon in theyr stead passyng the length of one yarde & halfe a quarter of blade, at the vttermooste: neyther anye Dagger aboue the length of twelue inches in blade: neyther anye buckler, wyth a sharpe poynte, or wyth anie poynt aboue two ynches length, vppon payne of forfayting the Sword or Dagger passynge the sayde length, and the buckler made otherwyse then is prescrybed, to Swordes Rappers and Daggers. Buckler.

whomsoeuer will sease vpon it, and the impry-
sonmente of his bodye, that shall bee founde to
weare anye of theym, and to make fyne at her
Maiesties wil and pleasure. And if any Cutler
Cutler. or other artificer, shal after the daye of the pub
lication hereof, sell, or haue wythin his shoppe
or house to be solde, or shall make or cause to be
made, any Rapier, Sworde, Dagger, or Buck
ler contrary to this order, to forfayte the same,
hys body to be imprisoned, and to make fine at
the quenes highnes pleasure, and to remayne
in prison, tyll the sayde fyne bee fullye satisfied:
and beynge taken wyth the faulte the seconde
tyme, neuer to bee permitted after, to vse that
occupation, which in the Court is to be execu-
Execution. ted by the officers aforesayde. In the Citie and
liberties, by the Mayor and Courte of Alder-
men, and such as by them shalbe appoynted in
that sorte, aswel Sergeaunts as others before
sayde. In Westminster, the Suburbes, and o-
ther pryuileged places, by the officers of the
same: in Townes corporate, bi the Maior and
other heade officers, and in all other places, by
the Justices of peace.

And finallye her Maiestye straynghtly char
geth aswel the sayde Lord Stewarde, Trea-
surer, and Comptroller of the houshold, as the
Lorde Chaumberlayne, Vicechaumberlayne,
and suche as vnder them shalbe apoynted and
assigned, the Mayor of London and all other
Maiors, Shireues, Bailieues, Constables, and
all Justices of peace, all Pyncypals and aun-
cientes of the Innes of Courte, and Chaunce-

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rye the Chauncelour and Vycechauncelour of bothe the vniuersities, and the heades of Haules, and Colleges of the same, and al other her highnes officers and ministers, ech of them in theyr iurisdictions, to see these ordres beynge set forth and confyrmed by her Maiestyes Proclamation, to be duelye and spedely executed in fourme aforesayd, as they wyll

answere for the contrary at theyr perylles, and wyll auoyde her highnes displeasure and indignacion.

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¶ A note of certaine necessary actes mẽtioned in the Quenes Maiesties Proclamation, beside a Collection of certayne others, publyshed the last yeare, and nowe to bee all executed.

Fyrste concerninge the Actes remayninge in force for apparell.

THe Statute made in the xxiiii. yeare of kynge Henry, the. viii. for reformation of the abuse of Apparell remaininge nowe in force, conteineth so manye articles and clauses, as the same can not be conueniently abridged, but is to be considered by readyng and perusynge the whole Act at large. But the Statute lately made in the time of king Philip and Quene Mary: for execution whereof (as for that which at thys tyme is most necessary) Articles and orders be presently deuysed, followeth here abrydged.

Anno. 1. & ii. Ph. & Mar. Cap. ii.

NO Englysh man, other thẽ the sonne and heyre apparaunt of a knyght, or he that hath yerely reuenues of. xx. li. or is worth in goodes. cc. li. shall weare silke in or vpon his hatte, cappe, nyghtcap, gyrdles, scabarde, hose, shooes, or spurre lethers, vpon forfaiture of x. li for euerye daye, and imprisonment by three monethes.

Justices

Justices of Assile and of the peace, sheriffes, stewardes in Letes, he ade officers of townes corporate shall enquyre and determine the offences, and commyt thoffendour to pryson, tyll he haue payd the forfayture.

If any knowyng hys seruaunte to offende, do not put him out of his seruice within .xiiii. dayes, or so put out, retayne him agayne within a yere after such offence, he shall forfayt C.li.

Any aboue the degree of a knyghtes sonne, or doughter, or wyfe to any of them, or Maior, or head officer in any towne corporate, or wife to any of them, or the kyng or the Quenes seruauntes in ordinarye wages attendaunt, wearynge ordinarye liueries, maye weare as they myght before.

None shalbe compelled to put away his apprentice or hyred seruaunt before thend of his terme

Women may weare in theyr hattes, cappes, gyrdles and hoodes, as they myght before.

Concernyng the increase and breedyng of Horses, Geldynges, and Mares.

EVery person, of what estate or degree soeuer he be, hauyng a Parke or grounde inclosed, wherein anye Dere is, or vsually kept for game, and not lyinge within the counties of Westmerlande, Cumberland, Northũberlande, and the Bishoprycke of Duresme, containynge the quantitie of one mile in compasse, and is thereof seased in fee symple, fee tayle, or 27. H. 8. Cap. 6.

for terme of lyfe in poſſeſſion to his owne pro-
fit and behoofe: And euery Fermour of euerye
Mares. ſuch parke or grounde incloſed, ſhall kepe two
Mares, beyng not ſpaide, apt & hable to beare
the heyghte of the Mares. foles, & eche of them of xiii. handfuls in heyght
at the leaſte, to be meaſured from the loweſt
parte of the hoofe of the fote, vnto the hieſt part
of the ſhoulder, vpon payne of .xl.s. for euerye
moneth. And for euery parke of iiii. myles com
paſſe and more. iiii. lyke mares, and of the like
height. And that thowners of ſuch grounde,
ſhal not wyllingly ſuffer the ſame Mares to be
couered with any horſe vnder .xiiii. handful-
les in heyght vpon lyke payne.

32. H. 8. Cap. xiii. No ſtoned Horſe beyng aboue the age of .ii.
yeares, and not beyng of the heyght of xv. hand
fulles, to be meaſured from the loweſt parte of
the hoofe of the forefoote, vnto the heyghest
Stoned Horſe. part of the wyther, and euerye handeful to con
teyne. iiii. ynches, ſhalbe put to paſture in anye
foreſt, chaſe, moore, maryſhe, heath, comen or
waſt grounde, vpon payne of forfeyture of the
ſayde horſe or horſes.

Sealour. And it ſhalbe lawefull to euerye perſon and
perſons that ſhall fynde anye ſuche horſe or hor
ſes contrary to the fourme of thys Statute, to
ſeale the ſame horſe in maner and forme as in
the ſame ſtatute is preſcribed. And to re-
teine the ſame horſe or horſes to his owne vſe,
and as his owne proper goodes and cattels for
euer.

And all Foreſtes, Chaſes, Comons, Moores,
Marſhes, Heathes, and waſt grounds wythin

thys

this Realme of Englande, Wales, and the Marches of the same, shalbe dryuen yearely at the feast of S. Michael tharchaungel, or within .xv. dayes then nexte after, by the Lordes or possessions of the sayde forestes and chases, or by thofficers of the same, & by the Constables, headborowes, Baylyffes, Burgholders & Tithingmen, wythin whose offyces and limittes the comons, moores, maryshes, heathes, and waste groundes, beynge oute of forestes and chases, be or lye, vpon paine of .xl.s. And it shalbe lawful to euerye of the sayd officers and other the sayde personnes to make lyke dryfte of the sayde forestes, chases, comons, moores, maryshes, heathes, and wast groundes at any other season or tyme of the yeare, when they shall thynke mete and conueniente.

Forestes Chases, Comons, &c. shalbe dryuen.

Payne.

And yf in anye of the sayde dryftes ther shalbe found anye mare, fyllie, sole, or geldinge, that shall be then thoughte not able, nor lyke to growe to be able to beare soles of reasonable stature, or not hable nor lyke to growe to doo profitable labour and seruice, by the discretion of the dryuers, or of the more number of them: that then the sayd dryuer or dryuers shal cause the same vnprofitable beastes to be killed. And all Justices of peare in theyr quarter sessions, and all Stewardes of Leetes and lawdayes, haue auctho[illegible]itie to enquyre of all the defaultes, omissions, contemptes and offences contrary to thys statute.

Mare kylled Gelding killed.

Enquirie.

For

For the hauynge and kepyng of Horses and Geldinges. And for the furniture and hauyng of Armour and Weapon.

4.E.5.Phi. & Mar. Capi.2.

EVerye temporal person hauyng honours, Lordshyps, manours, houses, landes, medowes, pastures, or woods, of estate of enheritaunce or free holde, to the clere yearely value of a thousand pound and aboue, shall haue, fynd, kepe, & maynetayne within thys Realme of England, and of theyr own proper, and at theyr owne costes and charges. vi. horses, or geldynges hable for Dimilaunces, wherof three of them at the least to be horses wyth sufficient harnes, steele Saddle, and weapon, requysite and appertayninge to the sayde Dimilaunces horses or Geldinges: and ten lyghte horses or Geldynges hable and mete for lyght horsmen, wyth the furniture of harnes and Weapon requisite for the same. And. xl. Corslettes furnished. xl. Almayne Ryuettes: or in steade of the sayde Almayne Ryuets. xl. cotes of plate, Corslets or brygandynes furnished. xl. Pykes. xxx. long bowes, thyrty sheales of arrowes, thyrty steele Cappes or skulles, twenty blacke billes or halberdes, twentye haquebuttes, and. xx. Murryons or Sallettes.

A thousand pounde in landes by yeare.

Item euery like person hauyng lyke possessions to the yerely value of one M. markes or aboue, and vnder the yerely value of a thousand poundes, shal haue and fynde as is aboue saide iiii. horses or Geldynges hable for Dymilaunces, wherof two at the least to be horses sufficientlye

A thousand Markes in landes by the yeare.

entlye furnyshed, for Dimilaunces Horses, or Geldyngs: and .vi. lyght Horses mete for light horsmen, with furniture requisite for the same. And of Armoure and weapon. xxx. Corslettes furnished. xxx. Almayne Ryuettes: or in stede of theym. xxx. Cotes of plate, Corslettes or Brygandines furnished. xxx. Pikes. xx. lōg Bowes xx. sheafes of Arrowes. xx. steele Cappes or skulles. x. blacke billes or Halberdes. x. Haquebuts and. x. Murrions or sallettes.

Foure. C pound in landes by the yeare

Item euery such person hauyng possessions as is abouesayde, to the cleare yearely value of iiii. C. li. or aboue, and vnder the cleare yearely value of one. M. markes, shal synde and mayntayne in forme as is aforesayde, two Horses, or one Horse, and one Geldynge hable for Dymilaunces, and. iiii. Geldynges hable for lyghte horsmen, and. xx, Corslettes. xx. Almayne Ryuettes: or in lewe of theym. xx. Cotes of plate, Corslets or Brygandines furnyshed. xx. Pikes xv. longe Bowes. xv. sheafes of Arrowes. xv. steele Cappes or skulles. vi. Haquebuttes, and vi. Murrions or salettes.

Two C. pounde in landes by the yeare.

Item euery suche person hauing possessions to the cleare yearely value of. ii. C. li. or aboue, and vnder the yearely value of. iiii. C. poundes shal haue, kepe and mayntaine one great Horse or Geldinges hable for a Dimilaunce, and two Geldynges hable for lyghte horsmen furnished with Harnes, steele Saddle, and weapons for the same sufficient as is aforesayde. And in Armour. x. Corslettes. x. Almaine Ryuettes: or in the place of Almaine Riuettes x. cotes of plate Corslets, or Brygandynes. x. Pykes. viii. long Bowes. viii. sheafes of Arrowes, viii. steele

Cappes or skulles .lii. Haquebuttes, and thre Murrions or Salettes.

One C. pounde in landes by the yeare.

Item euery such person hauyng such possessions to the yearelye value of one hundreth pounides or aboue, and vnder the yerely value of two. C. li. shall fynde, kepe, and maynetayne in fourme aforesayde, two geldynges mete for lyght horsmen, thre Corslettes, three Almayne Ryuettes: or in stede of them, so many Cotes of plate, Corslettes, or Brigandines, thre Pykes, three longe Bowes, three sheafes of Arrowes, thre steele Cappes or Skulles, two Haquebuttes, two Murryons or Salettes.

One C. Markes in landes by the yeare.

Item euerye suche person hauynge landes as is aforesaid to the cleare yerely value of one C. markes or aboue, and vnder the yerely value of one hundreth pounides, shall haue and kepe one Geldynge hable for a lighte horsman wyth a Harnes and Weapon requisite for the same, two Corslettes furnished, two Almayne Ryuettes: or in ꝑ stede of the same, two Cotes of Plate or Brigandines, two Pykes, two lōg Bowes, two sheafes of Arrowes, two steele Cappes or Skulles, one Haquebut, one Murryon or Sallet.

Fortye pounde in landes by the yeare.

And euerye suche person hauynge such possessyons to the yearely value of .xl. li. or aboue, and vnder the yearelye value of one hundreth markes, shal haue and kepe two Corslets, two Almayne Ryuettes: or in the stede of the same, two Cotes of plate, Corslets or Brygandines furnyshed, two Pykes, one longe Bowe, one sheafe of Arrowes, one steele Cappe or Skull, two Haquebuttes, two Murrions or salettes

Item euery such person hauyng possessions

to the yerely value of.xx.li. and aboue, and vn- Twentye
der the yearelye value of.xl. li. shall haue and pownde in
keepe one Corslet, one Pyke, one Haquebut, landes by
one Murrion or Sallet, one longe Bowe, one the yeare.
sheafe of Arrowes, one steele Cappe or Skull.

Item euerye person hauinge possessyons to ten poun de
the yerely value of.x.li. or aboue, and vnder the in landes bi
yearely value of. xx.li. shall haue and kepe, one the yeare.
Almayne Ryuet: or in the stede therof, one cote
of plate, or one Brigandine, one Haquebut, one
Murrion or sallet, one longe Bowe, one sheafe
of Arrowes, and one steele Cappe or Skull.

Item euerye person that hath possessions to Fyue poud
the clere yearely value of.v.li. or aboue, and vn in landes
der the yerely value of.x.li. shal haue and kepe by the yeare
one cote of plate, one blacke Byll, or Halberde,
one longe Bowe, one sheafe of Arrowes, and
one steele Cappe or Skull.

Item euerye suche person hauing goodes or One thou-
Cattels to the value of one thousande markes sande
or aboue, shall haue, synde and keepe in maner Markes in
and fourme aforesayde, one Horse or Geldynge goodes.
hable for a Dymilaunce, wyth steele Saddle,
Harnes, and Weapon requysite for the same, &
also one Geldynge hable and mete for a lyghte
horseman, wyth harnes and weapon requisite
for the same. Or els.xviii. Corslettes furnished
in stede of the sayde Horse or Geldynges at his
choyse. And also shal haue, kepe and synde two
Corslettes, two Almayne Ryuettes, or els in
stede of the same Almaine Ryuets, two Cotes
of plate, two Corslettes, or two brygandynes,
two Pikes, foure longe Bowes, foure sheafes
of Arrowes, foure steele Cappes or Skulles,
thre Haquebuttes, thre Murrions or Sallets

foure. C. pounde in goodes.

Item euerye ſuche perſon hauing goodes or cattelles to the value of foure. C. li. or aboue, and vnder the value of one. M. markes, ſhall haue, fynde and keepe one Geldinge able and mete for a lyght horſeman, with al Harnes and weapon requiſite for the ſame. Or els at their choyſe, nyne Corſlettes good and hable for the fielde furnyſhed. And alſo ſhall haue and fynde one Corſlet, one Pyke, two Almayne Ryuets, Cotes of Plate, or Bryganduynes, one Haquebut, two longe Bowes, two ſheafes of Arrowes, and two ſteele Cappes or ſkulles.

two. C. pounde in goodes.

Item euery ſuche perſon hauing in goodes or cattelles to the value of two. C. li. or aboue and vnder the value of foure. C. li. ſhall haue, kepe and fynde, one Corſlet, one Pike, two Almayne Ryuettes. Cotes of plate or Brygandines, one Haquebut, one Murrion, or ſalet, two longe Bowes, two ſheafes of Arrowes, and two Skulles or ſteele Cappes.

One. C. pounde in goodes.

Item euery perſon hauinge in goodes and cattels to the value of one C. li. or aboue, and vnder the value of two C. li. ſhall kepe and find one Corſlet, or Pyke, one payre of almayne ryuettes, one cote of plate, or one payre of Bryganduynes, two longe Bowes, two ſheafes of arrowes, and two Skulles.

Fortye pounde in goodes.

Item euery perſon hauynge in goodes and cattells the value of xl. li. or aboue, and vnder the value of one C. li. ſhall kepe and fynde two payre of almaine riuettes, or two cotes of plate, or Bryganduynes, one longe bowe one ſheafe of arrowes, one ſteele Cappe or Skull, and one Blacke bill or halberde.

Item euery ſuche perſon hauing in goodes

and

and cattels, the value of xx.li. or aboue, and vn der the value of fortye poundes, shall kepe and fynde one payre of almayne riuettes, either one cote of plate or els one payre of Brygandynes, two longe Bowes, two sheafes of arrowes, two skulles or steele Cappes, and one Blacke Byll or Halbarde. twentye pounde in goodes.

Item euerye personne hauynge in value in goodes & cattelles .x. li. or aboue, and vnder the value of xx.li. shall kepe and fynd one longe bowe, one sheafe of arrowes, one steele Cappe or skull, and one blacke byll or Halberde. ten pounde in goodes

And euery person or persons hauyng at this present, or hereafter shall haue any annuitie or yearelye fee, or any copy hold, for terme of lyfe, or inheritaunce, not charged by thys act, to the clere yearelye value of thyrty pounde or aboue: shall kepe and fynde suche furniture of Armour and weapons in euerye degree, accordynge to the proporcions and rates beefore expressed, limitted for goodes and cattels. Annuitye terme of life Inheritaunce. Copiholde to the yerelye value.

Item that euery person whiche by vertue of the Acte, made in the .xxxiii. yeare of the raygn of king. H. viii. Cap. v. was bounde (by reason that his wyfe should weare such kind of apparell or other thyng, as in the sayde Statute is specially mentioned & declared) to kepe or find one greate stoned trottinge horse, and is not by this act before charged to haue, kepe and maintayne anie horse or gelding: shal by force of this acte, be bounde to kepe, and to haue and maintayne one Geldyng hable and meete for a lyght horseman, with sufficient harnes and weapon for the same, in suche maner and fourme as euerye wynes apparel.

rye tempozall persionne hauing landes as is a-
foresayde, of the clere yerelye value of one hun-
dred markes, is charged & appointed to haue
and mayntayne by thys present acte.

Forfey-tyes. And yf any of the persones aboue remembred,
shall by the space of three hole monethes, want
the sayde numbre and kyndes of Horses, Gel-
dynges, armoure, wepon, and furnyture afore
sayde, after suche rate, proportion and fourme
as is afore lymytted: that then euery such per-
son shall forfayte and lose for euerye suche three
monethes for euerye horse or geldynge so lac-
kyng, ten poundes: for euery Dimilaunce and
furniture of the same, three poundes: And for
euerye Corselet and furniture of the same. xl.s.
And for euerye almayne ryuet, coate of plate
or Brigādine, xx.s. And for euery Bowe, sheafe
of arrowes, Byl, haulberd, haquebut, steele cap
skul, morryon, and Sallet. x.s.

Agaynst the carrying and conueying of Horses and Mares oute of the Realme.

Anno. xi. H. 7. ca. 13. NOne shall carrye or conueye oute of the
realme any horse, or any Mare, the price
of which Mare shalbe aboue. vi.s. viii.d
and vnder the age of three yeares, withoute li-
cene: vpon payne of forfeyture of the same horse
Forfeiture. and mare. Neuertheiesse euery subiect of thys
realme may carry any such horse for theyr own
vse, takyng an othe before the Customer of the
porte where he embarketh, that he entendeth
not to sell the same horse.

An. 1. Ed. 6. Cap. 5. None shall sell, conueye, exchaunge, geue or
deliuer into the Realme of Scotland to the vse
of

of any Scottishemã, or into any place beyond the Sea oute of this Realme, anye horse, Geldyng, or Mare, without speciall licence vnder the great Seale, or vnder the priuie Signet, nor shal sell, conueye, exchaunge, geue, or deliuer to any Scottyshman within this Realme, or the marches of the same, to thintente to be conueied into Scotlande anye horse, mare, or Gelding, without lyke licence, vpon payne of forfeyture of the same horse, mare or Geldinge, and the summe of xl.li. for euery such horse, gelding, or mare, & to suffer imprisonmente by the space of one hole yere. Forfayture

And it shalbe lawfull to euery subiect of this Realme to arrest & imprison euerye Scotyshman, and euery other person that shall leade or conuey (contrary to the meanyng of this Act) any such horse, gelding, or mare. Arrest and imprison.

And that euerye person that shall haue such licence to cary any such horses, mares or geldinges into Scotlande, shall, before the sayde cartiage or conueiaunce of them, vpon the payne of forfaiture of the same, or ỳ double value therof, shewe his sayd licence to one of the wardens of the three marches of Englande, for anempst Scotlande, to thintente that one of them shall cause the numbre of the sayde horses, mares, or geldynges, not onely to be kalendred in a boke, remayning in hys owne custody: but also to be indorsed and wrytten on the backsyde of the said licence, and the same indorsement to be signed with the hande of the sayde warden. the licence to be kalendred.

If any person shall exchaunge or deliuer within

Anno.xxiii. H.8.ca.16. within the Realme of Scotlande, or in anye place or grounde called the Batable lande, or grounde betwene England and Scotland, to the vse of any Scotyshman any horse, geldyng, or mare, without licence vnder the great seale: Felonye or sell, exchaung, or delyuer to any Scotishman within the Realme of Englande, Wales, the towne of Barwike, or the marches of the same, or in anye of the sayde Batable grounde, anye horse, Geldynge or mare, to thintent to be conueyed into Scotland, without like licence, shal be adiudged and demed by the lawe a felon.

An.1. Eliz Reg.Ca.8 And this offence is made felonye, aswell in the seller, exchanger, or deliuerer, as in him or them to whom the sayd sale, exchaunge, or deliuerye shalbe made.

The Wardens of the three Marches in theyr warden courtes, and the Justices of peace in their quarter sessions, shall inquire, heare and determine any such felony.

23. Hen. 8. Capi. xvi. And it shalbe laweful to euery subiecte of the realme, and inhabitinge on the forsayd Marches for anempst Scotland, to arrest any Scotishman, leading or conueying any such horse, Arrest. gelding or mare oute of the realme.

And although this last rehited Statute of xxiii. H. viii. was repealed by the seueral Statutes of An. i. Ed. vi. & An. i. Regi. Marie: Yet it is nowe fully reuiued by the Statute of Anno i. Eliza. Regine. Cap. viii.

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Iustices of peace shall remoue common Alehouses and tiplynge houses where they shall thynke meete.

None shalbe suffred to kepe any common Alehoule or tiplynge house but suche as shalbe admitted in the sessyons of the peace, or by two Iustices of peace and they shalbe bound by recognisaunce against the vsyng of vnlawfull games, and for maynteynaunce of good rule.

The Iustices of peace shal certifie the recognisaunce at the next quarter sessions.

Iustices of peace in theyr quarter sessyons shall enquyre and determyne of them that be so admytted and bounde.

If anye not admyted shall kepe a common Alehouse or tipling house, the Iustices of peace shall commyt hym to the common gayle for .xl. dayes, and before his deliuraunce shall take recognisaunce wyth two sufficyent, that he shal not kepe any Alehouse or tiplynge house.

The Iustices shal certifie those recognisaunces and offences, at the nexte quarter sessions, whych certyficate shalbe of condicyon of the offence, and .xx.s. shal in the sessions be assessed for the fyne.

Fayres be accepted.

Of Apprentises. An. 7. Hen. 4. Cap. 17.

An Apprentice where his father & mother cant not dispend .xx.s. by yeare, his couenaunt shall be voyde, and he shall be put to suche

labour as his father and mother vseth, or to some other as his estate requireth, vpon paine of a yeres imprisonment, and to make fine and raunsome to the kynge, and he that reteyneth hym shall paye. C.s. to the kyng, yf the yeareiye value of hys fathers and mothers lande be not fyrste testified vnder the seale of the two Justices of peace of his countrey. And he that wyll sue for the kyng shall haue thone halfe. And in euery leete, they that be oute of seruices, shalbe sworne to serue, or els putte in suertyes vnto yll they wyll serue.

And this sute shalbe taken aswell before the Justices of peace, as other Justices.

By Anno. viii. Henri. vi. Capit. ii. London is except. And by Anno. xi. Hen. vii. Cap. ii. Norwich is except.

Of Archery. Anno. xxxiii. H. viii. Cap. ix.

Euery Subiecte vnder xl. yeres of age, not hauing impediment (except spiritual men Justices and Barons of the scheker) shall vse shotynge in longe bowes, and haue a bowe and arrowes ready.

The fathers and rulers of men chyldren shal bringe them vp in shootynge, and haue in hys house for euery man chylde of viii yere olde tyll he come to xvii. a bowe and two shaftes, & to abate the money for them of their wages vpon forfeture. vi. s. viii. d. for euery month lacking.

Euery man after his age of xvii. yeares, shall haue a bowe and foure arrowes, and occuppe the same, vppon forfayture of vi. s. viii. d. for euery month lacking. None vnder. xxiiii. yeres

shall

shall shote at pryckes vppon forfaiture of iiii.d. for euery shote. None aboue .xxiiii. yeares shall shote at a marke of xi. score or vnder with any pryckshaft, vnder payne of vi.s. viii.d. for euery shote. None vnder .xvii. yeres, except he, his father or mother haue x.li. landes, or be worth xl. markes in goodes, shall shote in any bow of ewe bought for hym, vpon forfayture of .vi.s. viii.d.

Buttes shalbe made and continued in euery place by thinhabitauntes, vpon forfeture .xx.s. for euery three monethes lackyng. The inhabitauntes shal exercise shoting in holy daies and tymes conuenient.

Bowyers out of London for euery bow that he maketh of ewe, shall make foure of Elme, witch or other apt wood, vpon forfaiture .iii.s. iiii.d. for euery bowe lackyng: and in London for euery bowe of ewe, shall make two of Ashe, Elme, or other wood meete.

No Bowyers shall sell any bowe of Ewe for any vnder .xiiii. yeres, aboue xii.d. And shall haue bowes of Ewe for them fro .vi.d. to xii.d. and for them vnder .xxi. yeares, at reasonable prices: and shal sell no bowe of Ewe of the taxe called olke, aboue .iii.s. iiii.d. vpon forfaiture of xx.s. Bowstaues of Ewe shalbe solde open, and not in bundells.

Fletchers of London may sell timber to other: and ordinaunces made by theyr Wardens or otherwise to the contrary, to be voyde.

Bowyers, Fletchers, Stringers, Arrowhed makers in London, not free, shall by thapointment of one of the Councell, inhabite in other

townes, vpon forfayture of. xl. s. No alien not denizen shall conueye oute of the kynges obeysaunce anye longe bowes or arrowes, vpon forfeture thereof or the value, and to haue imprysonmente tyll he haue made a fyne beefore the Justices of peace, or fynde suertye for the fyne, nor vse shotinge without licence, vpō forfaiture of theyr bowes & arrowes to thē that will sease

Justices of Assise, Gayle deliuery, and of the peace, and Stewardes of leetes to enquire and determine the premisses.

Of playes and games. An. 33 H. 8. Cap. 9

NOne for gayne shall keepe anye comynon place of bowlynge, tenys, dicynge, or cardyng, or vnlawfull game vpon forfayture of. xl. s. euerie day. Euery person haunting the same, to forfeyte for euerye tyme. vi, s. viii. d. Euery placard for a comon gaming house, shal conteyn what game shalbe ther vsed, and who shal playe therat, or els to bee voyde: & the partie obtayning such placarde, to be bound in the Chauncerye to vse the placarde not otherwise Justices of peace and heade officers, to resorte to suspected places, and to imprysonthe kepers and players, vntyll they haue found suertye to leaue it. The heade officers to make searche monthly in suspect places vpō forfayture of. xl. s. No artificer, husbandmanne, apprentice, nor seruaunt, shal play at tables, tenis, dice, cardes bowles, or other vnlawfull game out of Christmas, vpō forfayture of. xx. s. And in Christmas in theyr maisters houses or presence. None shall bowle in open place wythoute his Garden or

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Orchard, vpon forfaiture of vi.s. viii.d. Iuſtices of peace, and head officers ſhall commyt to warde ſuch as ſhall vſe vnlawfull games, tyll they be bounde to the contrary.

All ſutes vpon the Statute to be cõmenſed within the yere. The Lord of the Late to haue the one moitie, and he that wyll ſue to haue the other: and out of fraunchiſes the kinge to haue the one moitie. Proclamation to be made by the Iuſtices and head officers foure tymes in the yere in euery market and ſeſſions.

Againſt Rebellion An. 1. Mar. Cap. 12

If xii. or aboue aſſẽbled together, entende or practiſe with force and of their owne auctoritie, to change any lawes made for religion by Parliament, or anye Statutes: or to ouerthrowe, cutte, breake or dygge vppe the pales, hedges, dytches, or other incloſiers of any parke, or grounde encloſed, or the bankes of any fiſhepond or poole, or any conduit, conduit heades, or pipes hauing courſe of water, to the entent that the ſame ſhoulde remayne not encloſed, or voyde: or vnlawfully to haue comon, or way in the ſaid parke or grouñd: or to deſtroy the Dere in any parke, or any warren of Connies, or anye douehouſes, or anye fiſhe in anye ponde or poole: or to pull or cutte downe anye houſes, barnes, mylles, or bayes: or to burne any ſtacke of corne, or to abate the rent of anye landes, or the pryce of any victuall, they beyng commaũded (by the Sheriffe or any Iuſtice of peace, Maior, or bailliffe of any towne corporate wher ſuch aſſemble ſhalbe) by Proclamatiõ in

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the Queenes name, to retyre to theyr houses, and shall remaine together by one houre after the Proclamation, or after shall in forcible maner attempt any thyng abouesayde, thys is felony.

It is felony in anye person, that wythoute aucthoritie by ringyng any bell, soundyng any trumpet, drumme, horne, or other instrument, fyryng any beacon, malicious speakynge anye wordes, makyng any outcry, settyng vp or castynge anye wrytynge, or by any acte shal reyse or cause to be reysed. xii. personnes or aboue, to thintent that the same persons should do anye thing aboue mentioned: which persons so reysed, after commaundement as is aforesayd, do continue together, or vnlawfully do any thing abouesayde.

It is felony in any wife or seruaunt, or anye other, that without compulsion shall sende, deliuer or conuey any money, harneis, artillerye, weapon or victuell to any so assembled, whych do not depart to theyr houses after commaundement as is aforesayde.

If aboue. ii. and vnder. xii. assembled together, entende or practyse wyth force of theyr owne aucthoritie, to kyll anye subiecte, or to ouerthrowe, cutte, breake, or dygge vp the pales hedges, diches, or other closure of any parke or grounde inclosed, or the banke of any fishponde or poole, to the intent that the same shoulde remaine open or voyde, or to haue comon or way there: or to destroy anye parke, fysheponde, or poole, or anye warren of Connies, or ani doue house: or to pul or cut downe any house, barne

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mylle, or to burne any stackes of corne, or alter or abate the rentes of anye landes of anye subiecte, or the pryce of any victuell, or anye other thynge vsuall for the sustenaunce or apparel of men, and beynge commaunded as aforesaid, to retire to theyr houses, and shall not so doe, but after shall in forcible maner attempte or put in vre any of the thinges last mentioned, they shall suffer imprysonmente by ayere.

If any shalbe damnified by the doing or puttyng in vre of any thing aboue mencioned, he shal recouer agaynst the offendours, damages wyth the costes of the sute trebled.

If aboue two vnlawefully assemble, to thintente with force to doe or put in vre anye of the thynges abouesaide, it shalbe lawefull to euery Justice of peace, Sheryffe, Mayor, Baylyffe, or heade officer of anie towne corporate, or any other hauynge the Quenes Commission or letters, aswell to rayse the subiectes in maner of warre, in suche nomber as he shal thinke mete to the intente by strength to suppresse and take the persons so assembled, and that yf those persons so assembled, after such commaundement by proclamation, shall continue together and not endeuoure thẽselues to returne towardes theyr habitacions, in suche shorte tyme as they maye conuenientlye: then it shalbee lawfull to them hauinge aucthoryty as is aforesaide, to suppresse and take them so vnlawefully assembled, and that yf anye of theym shall fortune to be kylled or hurte aboute the suppressing or takinge of them, euery person hauing aucthority as is aforesayde, shall bee vnpunyshable of such

kyllyng or burtyng.

Euery copyholder and fermer being yoman, artificer, husbandman, or labourer, of .xviii. yeres olde, or vnderlie not impotente, nor hauing reasonable excuse, being required by them hauyng auctoritie as is aforesayd (they declaring their auctoritie) or being required by the lorde immediate of their copyholde, or by the landlorde of the ferme, to serue the Queene for any cause aboue sayde, and refuse so to doo, shall during hys lyfe lose to his lorde all their copyholdes, and to his landlord his ferme, and they to enter into the same, and to reteyne the same during the lyfe of the offendour.

If any whych shalbe moued to make cõmotion or vnlawfull assemblye for anye of the intentes aboue sayd, do not within .xviiii. houres (onelesse he haue reasonable excuse) declare the same to a Justice of peace or Sheriffe, Maior, Bailiffe, or other head officer of towne Corporate, where suche is, he shalbe imprysoned by thre monethes, onelesse he be discharged by thre Justices of peace of that Shire (whereof one to be of the Quorum.) If any aboue .xviii. yeares old, and vnder .lx. able to serue, whyche shalbe requyred by any Justice of peace, or the sherife there, or by the Maior, Bayliffe, or other head officer of anye towne corporate, or by anye of their commaundementes, to goo wyth hym to suppresse the persons vnlawfully assembled, do wyllyngly and obstinately refuse so to doo, he shalbe imprisoned by a yeare.

If the Queene by letters patentes make any lieftenaunte in anye shire for the suppressyon of

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anye commotion: then the Iustices of peace, sheryffes, head officers, and al subiectes there, (excepte they haue reasonable excuse) shal vpō declaration of the letters patents and requeste made, be bounde to geue attendaunce vpon the lieftenaunte, to suppresse the commotion, vpon payne of imprysonmente of a yeare.

If anye do let, hinder, or hurt any that shall proclayme or go to proclaime the proclamatiō, wherby the proclamation shal not be made, he so offēdyng hauing knowledge of his message shall incurre such payne and forfayture, as the persons assembled should haue incurred for not obeying the Proclamation, yf it had ben made

And euery person assembled to the nomber aforesaid, to attempt or do any thyng aforsaid, to whome Proclamation shoulde or oughte to haue bene made (yf the same had not ben let, as is aforesaid) yf thei do afterwarde commit any thynge aforesayde, hauynge knowledge of the lette so made, or procuring the same lette, shall incurre lyke payne and forfaytures aforesayde, as thoughe the Proclamation had ben made.

The effect of this act shalbe declared at euery quarter sessions, and at euery Lete.

The heyre of euery offender aforesayd, and al other, excepte such persons as shalbe attainted, conuicted, or outlawed of any felony aforesayde, shal enioye al such ryght and intereste, as they haue or shal or ought to haue, as yf such attaynder had neuer bene made.

Sauyng to al persons their liberties & fraunchyles.

If anie procure anye to do anye of the offences aforsayde, he shall suffer suche imprysonmente as is before expressed agaynste conceylours of suche offences.

If fortye or mo assemble in forcible maner, of theyr own auctorytye, to thintente to do any of the thynges abouesayde, or other felonious or rebellyous act, and so shal continue together three houres after Proclamation made, at or nighe the place of the assemble, or in some market towne next, and after notice therof to them geuen: euerye of them shalbe adiudged a felon.

No lieftenaunt shal make anie deputye, nor shall conuent before him by auctorytye of lieftenauncy any, for anye cause, saue onely for causes expressed in this acte.

None shalbe put to anie losse or punishment as accessarye to anie of the offenders aforesaid for receyuyng, coumforting, or ayding any such offendour, after suche acte committed or done.

None attaynder or conuiction for anye offence aforesayd, shalbe corruption of bloud betwene the offender and any of his Auntesters, or such as shoulde be heyre vnto him, yf no such attaynder or conuiction had bene.

Of Regrators, forstallers, and Ingrocers, An. v. Ed vj. Cap. xiiij.

He that shall by anye thynge comming towarde any market or fayre to be solde, or coming towarde any place from beyond the sea to bee solde, or make anye bargayne or promyse for hauynge the same beefore it shalbe in the market, faire, or place to be solde, or make

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any mocion for inhauncinge of the pryce, or dis-
swade anye commynge to the market or faire,
to abstayne to bringe anye thynge thither to be
solde, shalbe adiudged a forestaller.

He that shall regrate or get into his handes
in anye fayre or market anye byttayle, and do
sell the same agayne, there or in any other fayre
or market wythin .iiii. myles thereof, shalbe ta
ken a Regrator.

He that shal ingrosse and get into his hand
by bringe or promyse (other then by demyse or
lease of lande or tithe) anye deade byttayles to
sell agayne, shalbe taken an ingroser.

The offendors aforesayde, shall for the first
offence be imprysoned by two monethes, & for-
feyt the value of the thyng bought. And for the
seconde offence, shall haue imprysonmente by
halfe a yere, and forfayt the double value of the
thing boughte, and for the thirde offence, be on
the pyllorie, and forfayte all his goodes, and be
imprysoned at the kynges pleasure.

Bying of barly, bigge, or otes to make malt,
or bringe of any thing bi an inholder or vittai-
ler as concerninge his facultie to sel agayne by
retayle bypon reasonable pryce, or takynge of
byttayl reserued bpon a lease, or bying of byt-
tayl by any bager, or carier, or drouer that shal
be alowed, or common prouision made for any
town, shippe, or forte, without any forestalling,
shall not be iudged any offence.

Bringe of solde corne, and hauinge sufficiēt
before for his owne prouision, not bryngyng so
muche to the market, shall forfayte the double
value.

Byeng of quicke cattel, and selling of the same wythin.v. wekes, shal lose the double value.

Justices of peace shal enquire and determine the offences aforesayd.

Of Tillage and increase of Corne.

Anno.v. Ed.vj.

ASmuch lande shal be put in Tillage, and so continue in euery town, as was in tyllage by.iiii.yeres since. An.i.H.viii. vpon forfayture for euery acre, for euery yere.v.s.

The kynge may direct commissions, and ỹ Commissioners shall search by the othe of.xii. men, what landes in euerye towne, haue since An.i.Hen.viii. ben conuerted from tyllage to pasture, and so continueth. And the.xii. menne shal presente the names of thoccuppers therof, and their presentment shalbe estreted into the Eschequer.

The Commissioners shall take an othe to execute the Statute, and shal direct theyr precept to the Sheryffe, to warne men to enquire & present the premysses, and to set fines, issues, and amerciamentes, and estrete the same into the Eschequer.

Certayne groundes be excepted.

Justices of Assise, of Oyer and determiner, and of the peace, shall enquire and certifie the presentmentes, and the partye greued maye tende his trauers.

Sheriffes shal not enter into any libertyes for the execution of this acte.

He that is sued bi force of this acte, shal not be sued by anye Statute before made for reformation

mation of thys matter.

Of Victuales & Wood. Anno. 1. & 2 philippi & Marie.

NOne shal carry out of Englād any corne or malt, beare, butter, cheese, herring or wood, excepte to Callis, Hames, Gines, & Barwike, vpon forfeiture of the ship or vessel and the double value of the thyng caried, & the master and mariners of the shippe, to forfeyte all their goodes, and to be in prison by a yere.

And yf any conuey any thinges aforesaid, to any vessell on the sea, or within any place of the border of thys realme, to be caryed out, the forfeitures to be as is aforesayd.

If any obteynyng any licence to the contrary, or his assignes, do cary any more then shall be in the licence, he shall forfeit the treble value of the thing, & suffer imprisonment by a yeare.

None hauing licence shall lade at sundry places, vpō forfeture of the thing, & all his goodes.

Justices of peace shall enquire and examyne all offendours of thys acte, and determine the offences.

When corne is at certayne prices, it may be carryed ouer.

Vyttaylyng of shippes is excepted. The Admirall may execute hys iurisdyction.

Of Wines. An. vii. Ed. vi. Cap. v.

NOne shall retayle any Gascon or French wines, but at. viii. d. the gallon, and Rochell wine but at. iiii. d. the gallon, nor any other wine, but at. xii. d. the gallon, vppon forfeiture of fiue pounde for euery offence.

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None except he haue of yerely profytes certayne. C. markes, or be worth in goods a thousand markes, or the sone of a Duke, Marques Earle, Viscounte or Baron, shall haue in hys house to spende any peece of Gascoyne, French or Rochell wyne, aboue ten gallons, vpon forfayture of. x. li.

None shall kepe anye tauerne or sell by retayle anye wynes, excepte certayne places appoynted in the statute, and except such as haue the kings and Queues letters, vpon forfaitur for euery day. xx. li.

None shal kepe any tauerne, nor retayle any wyne, but such as shalbe assygned therunto by wryting, vpon forfaiture of. v. li. for euery day.

There shalbe assygned but two tauernes in euerye towne (excepte certayne townes.)

Foure tauernes shalbe in London, and certayne number is appoynted for dyuers cityes and townes.

None shall sell by retayle anye wynes to be spente in his house, vpon forfayture of. x. li.

Marchaunts aduenturing for wynes, may spende in his house suche wines as he bringeth into Englande, not sellinge it.

Sheryfes and head officers of townes corporate, and kepers of Fortes, maye haue wyne in theyr houses, to spend there, without selling.

Justices of peace, Stewards of letes, Sheriffes, and eschetours, may enquire by. xii. men of these offences, the moytye of the forfaytures there founde to the kynge, and thother to the poore people of that place. ¶ This Act shall not take awaye the priuileges of the vnyuersities.

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VPpon woods, Copyes, or vnderwoods, there shalbe lefte vnfelled for euerye acre felled. xii. standels lyke to proue tymber, whych shalbe preserued tyl they be of x. ynches square within three foote of the ground, vppon forfayture for euery standell soo not lefte three shyllynges foure pence.

All copyes and vnderwoods at thage of xiiii. yeres, duryng iiii. yeares shalbe enclosed, or the sprynges therof preserued, vpon forfayture for euery rode. iii. s. iiii. d. for euery moneth.

All copyes and vnderwoods felled aboue the age of xiiii. yeres, duryng. vi. yeares shalbe inclosed, or the spring preserued, vpon forfayture of. iii. s. iiii. d. for euery moneth. None shall returne into pasture or tyllage any copyes or vnderwoods, contayninge two acrees, now preserued for thyncrease of wood, vpon forfaiture for euery acre xl. s.

Euery person hauyng any seueral woods or copyes with greate trees aboue. xxiiii. yeares groth, shall at the fellinge leaue for euerye acre xii. trees, to be preserued during. xx. yeres. And duringe seuen yeares enclose them, or preserue the sprynges, vppon forfayture for euerye of those trees felled, syxe shillinges eyghte pence, and for euery rode. iii. s. iiii. d. Sauynge those trees maye be cut downe for buildinges and reparations.

None hauynge woodes, wherein any hath common, shall sel those woods, but to his owne occupatiõ, til the fourth parte be by the owner

incloſed as is declared in thys act.

And at euery fellinge, it ſhalbe encloſed and preſerued. vii. yeares, and no beaſtes duryng thoſe. vii. yeares, ſhalbe ſuffred to feede in that part, and the commons to haue their common in the reſidue, and the lorde is excluded to putte anye cattell there, or to take anye profite of the paſture there duryng thoſe. vii. yeares, and after the vii. yeares, al to lye in common for the lorde and the commons.

And yf that part incloſed be not felled within foure monethes, then the commons to vſe the yr common, and the owner to leaue open places, wherby the common beaſtes mai come in as long as it ſhall ſtande vnfelled. Certayne places and former bargaynes be excepted. Breakers of fences ſhal forfayt. x. s.

If any ſuffer his ſwine to go in any common or woods not ringed or pegged, the owner ſhal forfait for euery ſwine. iiii. d.

Where woodes ſhalbe felled in any ground incloſed where dere ſhalbe kepte, the incloſure ſhalbe kept for foure yeares. If the incloſures be broken againſt the willes of the owner, the penalties to be extended vpon thoſe by whom the ſpryng ſhalbe hurted. After the woodes preſerued by two yeares, Coltes and Calues vnder a yeare olde may be put there.

Againſt Vacabonds. An. 22. He. 8. Ca. 12.

The Juſtices of peace, Mayres, Sheriffes bayliffes and other officers within their limites ſhal deuide them ſelfes, and ſo deuided, ſhall make dyligent ſearch & inquirie of

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all aged, poore, and impotente persons, which of necessitie be compelled to lyue of almes, that shalbe abiding wythin the limittes of their diuision, and therupon shall haue power by their discretions, to enable to begge wythin theyr limittes, such impotent persons whych they shal thinke conuenient wythin the limittes of their diuision, to lyue of almes. and to commaunde them not to begge without the limittes to thē so appoynted, and shall wryte the names of euerye suche begger in a roll indented. whereof thone parte to remayne wyth them selues, and thother to bee certified at the nexte sessyons of the peace: and they so deuided shal haue power to make seales wyth the names of the hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cityes, Boroughes townes, or places, wythin whyche they shal limit euery such begger, and shal delyuer to euerye suche begger a letter sealed wyth the sayde seale, and subscrybed wyth the name of one of the sayde Justices or officers, conteyning hys name, and wytnessynge that he is auctho-ryzed to begge, and his lymittes: and yf he begge out of his limittes, the Justyce of peace and all other the kynges officers, shall imprylon him in the stockes by two daies and two nyghtes, geuing him only bread and water: and after shall cause him to bee sworne to returne wythoute delaye to the place where he is auctho-ryzed to begge in.

No impotent person shal begge, except he bee auctho-ryzed by wrytynge vnder seale as is abouesayde: and yf anye impotente person go a beggynge haupnge no suche letter, the Consta-

bles and other inhabitauntes there, shal cause them to be brought to the next Justice of peace or hyghe Constable of the hundrede, who shall cause the bringers to strippe him naked from the middle vpward, and cause him to be whipped, where the sayde Justice or high constable shall appoynte, or els commaunde him to be set in stockes where he was taken by thre dayes & thre nightes, there to haue only bread and water, and therevpon the said Justice or high Cõstable shal limit to him a place to begge in, and geue him a letter vnder seale as is aforesayde, and swere him to repayre thither immediatly.

If anye being whole and able to labour be taken in begging, or hauing no land, mayster, nor vsynge any laweful marchaundise or craft to get his liuynge, be vagaraunt and can geue no reckeninge howe he doth get his liuynge: then it shalbe lawefull to the Constables and subiectes of euerye place, to arest him & bringe him to any Justice of peace, or to the high Constable of that place: and yf he bee taken in anye towne corporate, then to be brought to the Maior, sheryffes, or bayliffes there, & they to cause him to be had to the next place where they shal thinke conueniente, and there to be tyed to thende of a carte naked, and to be beaten with whyppes thorowout that place tyl his body be blouddye, and then he by them to be enioyned by his othe to returne forthwyth the next way to the place where he was borne, or where he last dwelt by thre yeares, and there to put himselfe to labour: & he to haue a letter sealed with the seale of the place wherein he shalbee punyshed

shed, witnissing that he hath ben punyshed accordynge to this estatute, and contayning the daie and place of his punishment, and the place wherunto he is limitted to go, & by what time he is limitted to come thither: wythin whyche tyme he may lawfully begge by the way. And yf he do not accomplyshe that letter, then to be eftsones whypped: and so often as any default shalbe in him, in euerie place to be whypped til he be repayred where he was borne, or where he last dwelt by thre yeres, and there to labour for his lyuynge.

And yf any so whipped be an ydel person, & no common begger: then after such whypping he shalbe kept in stockes tyl he haue found suertie to go to seruice or labour, or els to be sworn to repayre where he was borne, or where he last dwelt by thre yeres, and to haue like letter and punyshemente yf he eftsons offende, as is aboue appoynted for the common strong begger, & so from tyme to time til he get his liuing Justices of peace shall haue power to enquyre of al Mayors and other officers and persons that shalbe negligent in executinge this act. If the Constables and inhabitauntes where any suche impotent persons or stronge beggers do begge, be negligent, and do not punish hym as is aboue lymitted, the Towneshyppe for euery suche impotent begger, shall forfeyt. iii. s. iiii. d. and for euerye stronge begger. vi. s. viii. d. the moytye. &c.

All Justices of peace shal haue power to determine euery such defaulte, & to make processe bi distresse against the inhabitauntes there, by

whiche distresse, the Sheriffe shal deteyne the good of suche one or two of the sayde inhabitauntes, as he may haue knowledge wer most negligente in the exeution of this acte, and the sayd distresse retayne til he fynde suertye to appeare at the sessions limitted in the sayde dystresse: and yf he appeare & confesse the default or transgresse the presentmente, and it be tryed agaynst him, or deny the informacion, and it is proued agaynst him: then the Justices of peace in theyr sessions shall assesse their fynes, and to make processe for the leuyinge of the same by distresse of the inhabitauntes of the towne: the fyne yf it growe by presentment, to the kynge; and yf it growe by information, then the moytye to him that sueth. &c. If anye personne dystrained appeare not, then vpon the returne he shall loose at the fyrste. iii. s. iiii. d. and at the second. vi. s. viii. d. and so to be doubled for euery distresse.

Scholers of vniuersities that go a begging not being auctthorysed vnder the seale of the vniuersitye: and all shypmen pretendinge losses on the sea, going a begginge withoute auctthority, shalbe punished lyke strong beggers. And al proctours and pardoners goyng wythoute auctthorytye, and all other ydell persons, some vsyng vnlawful games, and some fayninge to haue knowledge in Phisicke, Phisnomy, Palmestrie, or other craftye sciences. yf he beefore two Justyces of the peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum, be founde giltye, shalbe whipped two dayes together after the maner beefore rehersed, and for the seconde offence to bee scouged

ged two dayes, and the thyrde daye to be put on the pyllorye from nine of the clocke vnto eleuen, and to haue one of hys eares cutte of, and for the thyrde tyme to haue lyke punyshmente, and to haue his other eare cut of.

The Justices of peace haue lyke auctho-rytye within theyr fraunchises.

Thys act shalbe yerely read in the open sessions. If any geue harborowe or money to anye begger hable to worke, he shall make fine to the king, by the discretion of the Justyces of peace at their generall sessions.

If any let the execution of this acte, or make reskues, he shall forfait. C.s. and haue imprison-ment at the kynges wyl: thone moitie. &c.

Thys act shall not be preiudicial to the Ba-rons and inhabitauntes of the v. portes.

And the Maior, Baylyffes electes, and Ju-rates in anye towne within the fyue portes haue like auctho-ritie as the Justices of peace haue in any shyre.

And the inhabytauntes within the said fiue portes, shalbe bound to the execution of this act, vpon like payne before remembred. And if any that shall inhabite within the v. portes, begge without the v. portes, he to be punyshed accor-dyng to thys act: euery letter to be made wher-by any impotente shalbe auctho-rised to begge, shalbe made in this fourme. Kent. S. Me-morandum that A. B. of D. for reasonable consy-derations, is licensed to begge within the hun-dred of P. K. L. in the sayde countie, geuen vnder the seale of that lymytte. Tali die & anno.

And

And euery letter delyuered to ſuche begger or vagabound after he hath ben whypped, ſhalbe made in thys wyſe.

Kent. S. I. S. whypped for a vagabounde ſtronge begger at Dale, in the ſayd countye accordyng to the lawe, the xii. day of Julye, in the xxiii. yere of king Henry the viii. was aſſigned to paſſe forthwith and directly from thence to Gale in the countie of Mid. where he ſayth he was borne, or where he laſte dwelled by the ſpace of three yeares, and he is limytted to be there within fourtene dayes next enſuynge at hys peryll. In witneſſe wherof the ſeale of the limyt of the ſayde place of hys punyſhmente herevnto is ſet. And euerye ſuche letter aboue rehearſed, ſhalbe made at the equall coſtes of ſuch Juſtices, Maiors, & other officers aboue rehearſed, and ſhalbe ſubſcrybed with one of their handes, after thys forme. Per me A. B. vnū iuſtitiariorum pacis, or Maiorum ciuitatis, or Ballium villa, or Couſtabulariumtalis, hundreth, or elles in lyke fourme in Engliſhe.

And they that haue the cuſtodye of anye gaoles, ſhall make a ſeale graunted, with the name of the priſon or Gaole, and they that be deliuered out of pryſon for ſuſpicions of felonye, and haue not wherwith to pay their fees, ſhal haue libertie to begge for their fees by vi. weekes, and then compelled to go where he was borne, or where he laſt dwelled by thre yeres: and euery one ſo delyuered ſhall haue a letter to hym deliuered by the clarke of the peace, or by the towne clarke wher he is delyuered, witneſſing the tyme and ſpace of hys deliueraunce, and afore

fore whom, and the tyme apoynted him to beg for his fees, and the place whyther he is assigned to go, and to euery suche letter the Gaoler shal put to the seale before rehersed: and euery such letter shalbe made in this wise folowing. Esser S. the. xx. day of July. An. regn. regis. H viii. xxiiii. I. S. was deliuered for felony out of the Gaole of D. in the saide countie, at the sessiõs holden before A. B. and his felowes at Gale, the day & yere aforesaid, and is alowed to begge for his fees by the space of. vi. wekes, & in case he can get him no maister to worke with within the sayde terme, then he is assigned to passe directly to Dale, in the sayde countie of Kent, where he sayd he was borne, or where he last dwelled by the space of thre yeres, and he is alowed. xiiii. dayes next after ỹ said. vi. wekes for his passage thither. In witnesse wherof the seale of the said prison is hereunto set.

And in suche shires where is no Gaole, the sheriffe shall cause a seale to be ingraued, with the name of the shire, and shal order and vse the same in lyke fourme. And euery clarke of the peace, or towne clarke, shall make for euery such person so deliuered, the said letter, without any fee therfore taken, and deliuer it to the Gaoler: or the sheriffe of the shire, if there be no Gaoler, within one day after the sessions, vpon paine of forfaityng for default of euery letter xii. d. to the kyng. Nor the gaolers nor sheriffes shall suffer none to depart out of prison, except it be to seruice or labour, without he first deliuer hym the sayde letter sealed with the sayde seale, vnder lyke payne for euery default.

And if any being deliuered out of prison, do begge without hauing such letter, or do begge contrary to the tenor of his letter, then he to be taken and whipped, as aboue is sayde of the strong beggers, and that to be done, vpon such payne as is afore limitted for none execution of punishment of strong beggers.

Euery person being bound by any foundation to geue any money in almes, and euery person at cõmon doles vsed at burials or obits to geue money in almes to all persons coming to suche doles, maye geue as they before this time haue done.

Maisters of hospitals maye lodge any person according to their foundation, & to geue mony in almes, in such wise as they are bound to do.

Against vacabundes. *An. 3. Ed. 6. Cap. 16.*

If anye aged or impotent offend this Statute, he shalbe punyshed as is prouided in the statute of. xxii. H. viii. Cap. xii.

Comon labourers hable in body, vsyng loytering and refusing to worke for such reasonable wages as is most comonly geuen where he dwelleth, shalbe for euery refusell adiudged a vacabunde, and shalbe punyshed as strong and mightie vacabundes, in such fourme as is declared in the sayde acte of. xxii.

All Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables or head officers of Citie, Towne, or vyllage, shall before the Purification. An. M. D. xlix. see all such idell, impotent, maymed, and aged persons, who can not be taken for vacabundes which were borne there, or haue ben ther most conuersaunt by three yeres, and now decayed,

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prouided of houses, at the costes of the sayde towne, there to be relieued and cured by the deuocion of the people there. And that they do not suffer there any other to begg within that precinct, except such as are authorised by this act, vpon forfeture for euery .iiii. dayes. x. s. to hym that wyll sue. Maiors, Bayliffes, Sheriffes, Constables, and other head officers, shal euery moneth once, make a bewe of aged, impotente & lame beggers within their precinct, and see all suche as were not borne there, nor hath ben for the most parte there conuersaunt by three yeres, or be not authorised by this estatute, conueyed to the next Constables, and they to conuey thē to the next Constables, and so from Constables to Constables, tyll he be brought to the place where he was borne, or was most conuersaunt, there to be norysshed of almes as is aforesayd, vpon forfeture for euery default. x. s. The one moitie. &c.

If any such aged, maymed or impotent person, not so impotent, but that they may worke in some worke: than such towne shal eyther in comon prouide such worke for him as he maye be occupyed in, or appoynt hym suche as wyll fynde hym worke for meate and drynke: which yf he refuse to do, or run away and begge, then to punysshe hym with stockyng, beatyng, or otherwyse as shall seme conuenient.

All lepers and bedreds may remaine in such houses appointed for them, as they be now in, and maye appoynt their proctours, so they be not aboue two for one house, to gather almes within. iiii. myles.

Commissions may be graunted to suche as hath theyr houses or barnes burned, or suche losses, or to lepers to gather almes.

If any child aboue fiue yere old or vnder. xiiii. go wanderyng or alone, if anye that is able to kepe it, wyll take it from any begger being the father or mother, or other, and bryng it before one of the constables there, and the next quarter sessions, presente it in the presence of the Constable, before the Justices of peace, & there promise to bring it vp tyll the woman chyld be xv. yere olde, and the manchilde. xvii. yere olde: these Justices shall adiudge that chylde vnto those ages, to be seruaũt to him so promising, which chyld shalbe ordered as seruaũtes without wages, and that iudgement to be entred by the clarke of the peace.

If suche chyld run away, the master to take it, and kepe it, and punyshe it at the libertie of the maister, and to haue a warraũt from a Justice of the peace for that chyld running away, and therby the child to be taken and ordered as is prouided by the Statute labourers, for seruauntes departynge out of theyr maisters seruice. If any person steale or intice away anye suche chylde so adiudged for a seruaunt, the maister to take an action vpon the Statute labourers, agaynst such steler or intiser, or an action of trespasse, wherin he shal recouer damages, and treble costes of his sute. If the master be vnreasonable in orderyng such chylde, then vpon complaynt made at the quarter sessions, by two honest neyghbours, yt it shall then appeare by honest witnesse the complaynt to be true,

true, the Justices of peace shall dyscharge the chylde from his maister, & apoynt him to some other, and that to be wrytten in the booke of the clerke of the peace, for which he shall haue iiii.d. and shall haue also.iiii.d. for the fyrste entrye of the chylde to be seruaunt: this to be payde by the maister. If suche woman chylde be maried afore.xb.yeres old, she shalbe discharged of seruice. Euery vacabonde or begger being alien, shall in fourme aforesaide, and vpon the forfeitures aforesaid, be conueyed frō place to place, to the place nexte adioynynge to his countrey, or to the next porte, if there be sea betwene this Realme and his countrey, there to be kepte of the inhabitauntes of that porte, in conuenient labour, or otherwyse, tyll he maye be conueyde ouer, & than at the costes of those inhabitauntes (if him self shal not haue wherwith) to be conueyed ouer to his countrye.

Against reteyners and geuers of liueries, made in *An.8.Ed.4.Cap.2.*

NOne may geue liuery or other signe, nor reteyne anye but onely his manuell seruaūt, officer, or a man of thyne lawe, or of thother, by anye wrytyng, othe, or promise. And if he doth contrary, the geuer shal lose. C. s. for euery moneth that ther is any with him so reteyned, and the receiuer. C.s. and he that wyll sue, shall haue an action by byll of information against as many offendours as he wyl in euery of the kynges courtes, before Justices of peace, of Assise, and Gaole deliuery, or countie Palentine: and in Duresme, and in Eram-

shire, therupon processe shalbe as in trespasse: excepte that in countie Palentine, nor in Duresme, no erigent shalbe awarded: and yf any of the offendours be present in court, the Justices may commaund him to be brought to aunswere, and first the informer shalbe examined vpon a booke that his complaint is true, and after they may examine that defendaunt, and iudge him conuict by their discretion, as wel as by tryall. And the informer shall recouer the one halfe, and the kyng the other halfe, yf it be not in citie or towne that hath lyke forfeiture by the kinges graunt: and that no essoigne nor protection be alowed. And that the Sheriffe or Coroner may returne no lesse issues at the first daye then .x.s. and the seconde .xx.s. and so at euery day .x.s. of encrease. And if the Sheriffe or Coroner do the contrary, he shall forfeit euery tyme .xx.s. And the Maior and gouernours of cities and townes, that haue power to heare and determine plees personels, haue power to examine and to determine it as is aforesaid, as well by examination as by tryall. And vpon that, the kyng shall haue thone halfe, the Maiors or gouernours the other halfe, to be imployed to the vse of the citie or towne.

Item the kynges & the Quenes Maiesties pleasures are, that all other Statutes concernyng reteyners, and geuing liueries, nowe remaynyng in force, shalbe put in execution.

The Statute of Winton for robberies, hewe and crye, and for watches to be kepte.

After

After a robbery or felony done, freshe suite shalbe made from towne to towne, &c. and yf nede be, inquestes shalbe made in townes, hundredes, fraunchises and counties, so that the felones may be attaint and suffer execution: and yf they be not taken, then the people where suche robbery was done, as in hundred and fraunches, shall aunswere therefore. And if it be done betwene two shires, &c. within. xl. dayes, if the misdoers be not taken. Also in greate townes the gates shalbe closed from the sunne rysyng to the sunne settyng, and no man harborow none in the suburbes, but such as he wyll aunswere for: and the Baylyffes of townes shall enquire of such euery weke. Also watch shalbe made and kepte from Assention tyde tyll Michaelmas, in euerye Citie by. vi. men at euery gate, and in euery Borow by. xii. men: in euery hole towne, by. vi. men or. iiii. after the number of thinhabitaũtes, continually all nyght, from the sunne set, to the sunne rysyng. And yf any straunger come by them, he shalbe arrested vntyll mornyng: and yf he be suspecious, he shalbe brought to the Sheryffe to be kept vntyl he be deliuered by due order: and euery towne adioining, shalbe ayding to the other. Also the hye wayes of markette townes shalbe enlarged, where there is anye woodes, hedges, ditches, or bushes nygh the hye waye. CC. fote on thone syde, and. CC. fote on the other syde: but this statute extendeth not to okes, nor great fustes, so that they be cleare vnder, and yf the Lord wyll not do thus, yf anye robberyes or murder be done, he shall

aunswere

aunſwere therfore, & make fine at the kynges wyll. Alſo in the hye wayes in the kynges wood, or parke nygh the hye wayes, it ſhalbe done after the ſame maner: or els that the Lord ſhall make ſuch wall, ditche or hedge, that the euyll doers can not eſcape: and no fayre nor market be holden in any Churchyarde.

Againſt reporters of ſlaunderous tales and newes. W.i. *Cap.*34.

IF any perſon ſhall publyſhe or forge falſe newes, wherof diſcord or ſlaunder may aryſe betwene the kyng and his people, or the nobles of his Realme, the ſame ſhalbe impriſoned vntyll he ſhall bryng foorth in court, the aucthour of ſuch newes.

Anno.ii.R.ii. Cap.v.

THe forgers and counterfeitours of falſe newes, and horrible falſe meſſenges of prelates, Dukes, Earles, Barons, & other nobles, and great perſonages of the Realm, or of the Chauncelour, Treaſorer, Clerke of the priuie ſeale, Steward of the kinges houſe, Juſtices of thone bench or thother, or of any other great officers of the Realme, of thinges which by the ſame Prelates, Dukes. &c. were neuer ſpoken or thought of, to their great ſlaunder, wherof debates & diſcorde may aryſe betwene the ſayd Lordes and commons: ſhall ſuffer the punyſhement mentioned in the ſayde acte of W.i. vntyll they haue brought foorth in court the auctour of the ſayde falſe newes and meſſenges.

Anno.

AND yf the sayde forgers and counterfaytours, can not bring forth the aucthour of the saide false newes, then they shalbe punished by the aduise of the kinges Counsell.

Anno.i.& ii.Phil.& Ma.cap.iii.

THe Justices of peace within the limites of their commission, may heare and determine all offences commytted and done against the forme of the said seuerall statutes.

And further yf any person or persons maliciously of his or their own ymaginacio, speake any seditious or slaunderous newes, rumours and sayinges, or tales of our soueraygne Lady the Quenes Maiestie, euery person so offendynge for the first offence, shall in the market place nere where the wordes were spoken, be set openly vpon the pillory, and shal haue both his eares cut of, onlesse he pay. C.li. to the Quenes hyghnes vse, within a moneth next after iudgment geuen against him, and also be imprisoned by the space of. iii. monethes next after his or their execution.

If any such seditious or slaunderous newes be spoken by any person, of the report or sayinge of any other: then the same person, to be set openly vpon the pillory as is aforesaid, and to haue one of his eares cut of, onlesse he pay. C. marks within the time, and to thuse aforesaid: and also sustain a moneth imprisonment next after his execution.

And if any person maliciously deuise, write, prynt, or set forth any booke, rime, ballade, let-

ter or writing, contayning false matter, clause or sentence of slaunder, reproch and dishonour of the Quenes hyghnes, or the encouragyng, sturring or mouinge of any insurrection or rebellion, or shal procure any of the said offences to be done: if the same be not punishable by the statute of. xxv. E. iii. cap. ii. touching treasons &c. the said person shal after conuiction for his fyrst offence, in some market place haue hys right hand cut of.

Item yf any person once conuict of any of the sayde offences punyshable, by losse of eare, eares or hande, do afterwardes offende in any of the sayd offences, then he shall suffer imprysonment duringe hys lyfe, and forfeite to the Quenes hyghnes vse all hys goodes and cattelles.

The sayd offences are inquirable and determinable before iustices of Oyer, and determiner, Justice of assise or gayle deliuery, or Justices of peace.

Any Justice of peace vpon behement suspicion, may commit any person suspected, to prison, there to remayne without bayle or mayneprise.

Thoffenders against thys act, must be accused and conuict within thre monethes next after thoffence committed.

¶ For repayringe and amendynge of hygh wayes.

THE Constables and Churchwardens of euery paryshe, shall yerely vpon the Tuesday or Wednesday in Easter weeke, call together a number of the parishioners, & emonges them shall elect and chuse two honest persons of theyr paryshe, to be Surueyours and orderers of the workes (for the mendynge of theyr high wayes leadynge to any market Towne from theyr paryshe) for one yeare, whiche persones shall haue authoritie by vertue of thys Act, to order and direct both the persones and cariages to be appoynted for those workes, according to theyr discressions. And the same persons shal take vpon them the execution of their offices, vpon the payne of .xx.s.

Cõstables, & Churchwardens.

Tuesda or wednesdai in Easter weeke.

Surueyers.

Thauthoritie of the Surueyers.

Payne.

The saide Constables and Churchwardens shall also name and appoynt foure dayes for mendynge of the sayde hygh wayes, before the feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist then next following. And shal openly in the Churh the next Sunday after Easter, geue knowledge of the same dayes, vpon which dayes the parishioners shall indeuour them selues to the mendinge of the sayd hygh wayes, and shalbe charged towarde the same, as foloweth: that is to say.

Howe many dayes & before what feast shalbe appointed for the amendinge of high waies

Euery person for euery plough lande in tillage or pasture, and euery other person that keepeth a draught or plough within the same paryshe, shall synde and sende at euery day and

What persons shalbe charged for the amendynge of high waies

place in the said parishe where such waies are amendinge, one wayne or cart furnyshed after the custome of the countrey, with Oxen. Horses or other cattell, and al necessaries meete for cariage to that purpose. and two hable men with the same, vpon payne for euery draught. x. s.

Payne.

Housholder, cotager & labourer.

Euery housholder, cotager, and labourer, of the same paryshe, hable to labour, and beynge no hyred seruaunt by the yere, shall (eyther them selues, or elles by some other labourer for euery of them, vppon euery of the sayde foure dayes) worke and trauayle at the amendinge of the sayde high wayes, vpon payne for euery suche person makynge default, for euery day. xii. d.

Payne.

Yf cariages in that paryshe shall not bee thought nedefull by the said Suruayers to be occupyed for the amending of the waies there: Then euery suche person as shoulde haue sent caryage for the purpose, shal sende to the sayde worke, for euery cariage, two hable men to labour, for that day, vpon payne to lose for euery man not so sent. xii. d.

Two hable men.

Tooles for the amending of the wayes.

Euery person and caryage abouesayde, shal bryng with them such shouyls, spades, pyckes, mattockes, and other tooles, as they doe make theyr dykes and fences withall.

How long the persons and cariages shall worke.

The said persons and cariages shal continue at their said worke. viii. houres of euery of the sayde foure dayes, vnlesse by speciall occasion they be lycensed otherwyse by the sayde Surueyoures, or by any one of them.

Stewards of leetes & lawdayes. Enquire.

All Stewardes of leetes and lawdayes shalbe aucthorised by force of this Act, to haue full

power

power and aucthoꝛite, to enquyꝛe in theyꝛ Courtes by the othes of the Sutoures at the sayd Courtes, of all offences & mysdemeynours committed agaynst euery poynt and article of this act: and therupon to assesse suche reasonable fynes and amerciamentes foꝛ the same, as shalbe thought mete by the sayd Stewarde.

The Stewardes to assesse fines and amerciamentes.

Foꝛ default of such inquirie oꝛ presentment, the Justices of peace of that limit, shall haue aucthoꝛitie to enquire of the same offences committed within their commission, in euery of theyꝛ quarter sessions, & to assesse such fines therfoꝛe, as they oꝛ two of them, wherof one to be of the Quoꝛum, shall thinke mete.

Justices of peace.

Fyne.

All Stewardes of leetes and lawedayes shal make estretes indented, of all suche fynes, foꝛfaites and amerciamentes sessed befoꝛe hym, and shal delyuer the one part therof sealed and signed by him, to the Baylife oꝛ hygh Constable of euery hundꝛeth, Rape, Lath, oꝛ Wapentake, wherin suche offences haue bene presented. And thother halfe to the Constable and Churchwardens of the paryshe where such defaultes are made, and the same to be yerely deliuered within fiue wekes after the feast of S. Mychaell tharchaungell.

Stewardes to make estretes.

Baylife, high Constable.

The Clarke of the peace shall make the lyke estreates indented, of the fines, foꝛfaites, and amerciamentes foꝛ suche defaultes presented befoꝛe the Justices of peace, and shall delyuer them sealed and subscribed with hys hande, in lyke soꝛt befoꝛesayd: whiche estreates shalbe a sufficient warraunt to the sayde Baylife oꝛ chiefe Constable, to gather the sayd fynes, foꝛfaites,

Clerke of the peace to make estreates.

Distresse. faites and amerciamentes by way of distresse: and yf no distresse can be founde, or yf the saide offender shalbe vnwyllynge and stubboure, re-

Refuse. fusynge to pay the sayde amerciamentes and fynes, and do not paye the same within. xx. dayes after the sayde officer hath demaunded the same lawfully: That then euery suche per-

Double sume. sons to forfait the double some that he should before haue payde.

Euery of the said head Constables and Baylifes shal euery yeare once at the least betwixt the first day of Marche, and the last day of Apryll, make a true accompt and payment of all

Accompt. suche sūmes of money to the Constables or Churchwardēs beforesaid, or to two of them, as he shal haue gathered by the said estreates, vpon payne for euery tyme he doth omit to do

Pain. iii. li the same. iii. li.

Fynes, amerciamentes, forfaitures, bestowed. All fines, amerciamentes and forfaytures whiche shalbe due for offences commytted against thys act, shalbe aunswerable & delyuered by the collectours thereof, to the Churchwardens of euery paryshe where the offence is committed, to be bestowed vpon amendement of the high wayes of the sayde paryshes. And that the sayde Churchwardens shal haue auc-

Accompts before whom and in what maner. thorytie by this act, to cal the said Baylike and head Constable before the Justices of peace or two of them, wherof one to be of the Quorū, to make theyr accompt, eyther by byll, information or otherwise. The which Justices shal haue auctho rytie by thys act to take the sayde accompt, and to commyt the sayde Baylike or

Pryson. head Constable to pryson, there to remayne

vntyll

vntyll he paye ſuche arrerages as ſhalbe adiudged by the ſayd Iuſtices. The ſaid Bayliſes and head Conſtables, and euery of them vpon theyr accomptes, ſhalbe alowed for the collection of euery pounde of the ſayde fynes, amerciamentes & forfaites, for hys or theyr paynes viii.d. And the Clearke of the peace, or Stuard of the letes and lawdayes, to haue by force hereof for the eſtreatyng of the fynes &c. xii.d. of euery pounde fine, forfayture or amerciament. And the ſucceſſours of ſuch Churchwardens ſhall haue the like action of accompt againſt their predeceſſours, as is before appoynted againſt the Bayliſe.

Allowaſice.

Clerke of the peace.

Succeſſours.

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